

Thursday May 16"

UNEQUALLED PRICES.

Shack Brings More Than Live Fish at Boston.

Dealers Eagerly Bid for Fish as Salt Fish Is Needed.

This morning the shack war was still on. The raise of the Board of Trade on Monday proved no bounds to prices. The various dealers were in the market to buy. They wanted the fish; in fact needed them badly and were willing to pay for them. Bidding on the biggest trip of the day, that of sch. Rob Roy, Capt. Julius Anderson, was spirited and Slade Gorton & Co. secured it at \$2.35 per hundred weight for large cod, \$1.80 for mediums, \$1.35 for haddock, \$1.75 for cusk and \$1.25 for hake, the highest price paid for shack this season, or for that matter probably the highest figures ever reached on shack fish.

Some idea of the height of these prices can be seen when it is a fact that the shore boats at Boston to-day with "live" fish, only one or two days old, got only \$2.25 for large cod, \$1.50 for markets and 90 cents for hake.

Compare these figures with those paid here for shack, and it can be easily seen that Gloucester dealers want fish and want them badly.

Never, probably, has salt fish been so scarce here as it is to-day, and the concerns, big and little, are actually pinched for fish to fill orders present and prospective. The bank fleet is about the same size as last year, a little larger, if anything, but the shacking fleet is smaller, and owing to the bad weather all the spring, their trips have been much smaller than usual. This latter fact, coupled with the one that the salt fish trade was big last winter has left the dealers almost bare of fish.

Fish they want and fish they must have; consequently the high prices. Every dealer is on his own hook at present. Board of Trade prices appear to cut no figure. If a man wants a trip he goes in after it, but he has to bid high to get it, as there are others who want it as badly as he does.

How long these high prices will continue no one can predict. The trips are yet small compared with what they should be, and as the fleet is smaller than last year, the catch will undoubtedly be below the average, consequently the high prices may prevail for many weeks to come.

The prices at present paid are unequalled, but are liable to be excelled any day that some concern thinks it wants a fare more than its highest bidding neighbor.

Big Mackerel.

Some of the mackerel landed Monday morning by sch. Richard Wainwright were the largest of the season, many weighing four pounds each, while a few reached four and one-half pounds.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges, 20,000 lbs. cod, 1500 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. Edwin B. Holmes, Georges, 20,000 lbs. cod.
- Sch. Louisa Polleys, Georges, 20,000 lbs. cod.
- Sch. Clara R. Harwood, via Boston,

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Emerald, shore fishing.
- Sch. Richard Wainwright, seining.
- Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, shore fishing.

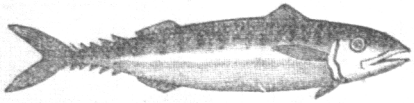
Boston.

- May 16—Ar., sch. Acacia, 800 haddock, 2200 cod.
- Sch. Edna Perry, 5500 haddock, 4500 cod
- Sch. James Drinan, 7000 haddock, 23,000 cod.
- Sch. Frank Foster, 6000 haddock, 1200 cod.
- Sch. Mary Cabral, 20,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 3000 hake.
- Sch. Columbia, 10,000 haddock, 4500 cod, 4000 hake.
- Shore haddock, \$3; large cod, \$2.25 to \$2.35; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2; hake, \$1.25; Newport mackerel, 12 cents each for large and 7 cents for small; New York mackerel, 10 and 6 cents each.

STILL GETTING THEM.

More Fresh Mackerel Fares at Fulton Dock To-Day

Fish Are Reported Plenty But Very Wild.



Our regular New York correspondent telegraphs us the following arrivals at Fulton dock to-day:]

Seiners.

- Sch. Corsair, Capt. George Hamer, 80 barrels fresh mixed mackerel.
- Sch. Mertie and Delmar, of Provincetown, 50 barrels fresh mixed mackerel.
- Sch. Alva, Capt. Ranald A. McDonald, 60 barrels fresh mixed mackerel.
- Sch. Nettie Franklin, of Chatham, Capt. Cahoon, 35 barrels fresh mixed mackerel.

Netters.

- Sch. Massasoit, of Duxbury, Capt. Wil-
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liam Price, of this port, 4000 large fresh mackerel.

- Sch. N. A. Rowe, Capt. Charles Martin, 7500 large fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Gracie Freeman, of Boston, 5000 large fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Sarah A., of Provincetown, 1700 large fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Conquest, of Noank, 2000 large fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Mattie and Lena, of Noank, 3500 large fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Angie and Emma, of New York, 4000 large fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, of Boston, 4000 large fresh mackerel.
- Sloop Jennie, of Provincetown, 1800 large fresh mackerel.

Capt. Hamer of the Corsair reports plenty of mackerel but next to impossible to catch them. Weather warm, wind north-northwest. Prices held firm yesterday only a few large being left over unsold. Today's prices 10 and 6 cents each for large and mediums.

Sch. Vera, Capt. William Corkum, sailed from Newport, R. I. Wednesday. Capt. Corkum had been ill with the grip and put in there to see a physician. He went out in the vessel feeling better. He reports mackerel schooling Monday off Block Island. They took a small school and salted them.

From Yesterday's Late Edition.

MACKEREL AT NEWPORT.

Nine Arrivals There To-day With Good Fares.

A Big Fleet Is Now Operating Off Here.

Our regular Newport, R. I., correspondent telegraphs the following arrivals at that port:

- Arrived Tuesday afternoon:
- Sch. Magnolia, Capt. Charles O'Neil, 1600 large fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Dauntless, 1700 large fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Mabel E. Leavitt, 3000 large fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Susie B., 5000 large fresh mackerel.
- Sloop Frank Francis, 1000 large fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Magistrate, 20 barrels large fresh mackerel, arrived to-day.
- Gasoline auxiliary sch. Dorcas, 30 barrels large fresh mackerel.
- Sloop Venus, 21 barrels large fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Richard Lester, Capt. Webber, 25 barrels fresh mixed mackerel. This vessel has had a hard time of it, being caught in a gale while out south and blown off beyond Cape Hatteras.
- Weather fine and a big fleet expected.
- Sch. Vera sailed today. Her skipper, Capt. William Corkum, is sick.
- Sch. Lucy B. Winsor at Boston this morning had 28 mackerel from the Provincetown traps.